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CITY ELECTION BOARD SETS DATE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL 28TH WARD VACANCY

(St. Louis, MO) The City Election Board will hold a Special Election in Ward 28 on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alderwoman Lyda Krewson on April 18, 2017. Because the vacancy occurs more than 180 days prior to the next General Municipal Election in 2019, Article IV, Section 5 of the City Charter requires that a Special Election be held no sooner than 75 days nor later than 90 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. The individual elected will serve for the remainder of Alderwoman Krewson's unexpired term.

Since there is no primary election in this instance, the city central committees of the established political parties have the right to certify to the Election Board their candidate to stand for election to fill the vacancy <u>no later than</u> 30 days before the date of the Special Election. Since that date (June 11) falls on a Sunday, the deadline is the close of business on <u>Friday</u>, <u>June 9</u>. A nonpartisan/independent candidate has until that same deadline to submit a petition containing the signatures of at least 10% of the registered voters in Ward 28 who voted in the April 4, 2017 mayoral election (<u>i.e.</u>, 316 signatures). Absentee voting for the July 11 Special Election will begin on Monday, June 12.

For more information on the July 11, 2017 Special Election, please contact the Election Board at 314-622-4336 or visit the Board's website at www.stlelections.com. A variety of helpful voter information is available on the website. Voters are encouraged to take advantage of this user-friendly resource.

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